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## FCC's PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU TO HOST SPEAKERS SERIES FOR NATION'S FIRST RESPONDERS

Washington D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), will begin hosting a new speakers series this month to help provide our nation's first responders with the latest news and developments on public safety communications and related-initiatives. The first in a series of these sessions will be hosted by PSHSB on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

Laurie Flaherty, Program Analyst, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will be the first expert speaker and will discuss the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) role in 9-1-1 issues. Ms. Flaherty presentation will specifically focus on the work of the Research and Innovative Technologies Administration and recent developments in Next Generation 9-1-1. Following her presentation, Ms. Flaherty will answer questions from the audience.

The Speakers Series will be open to the public; admittance however will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending may pre-register on-line at: <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/pshs/speakerseries911.html">www.fcc.gov/pshs/speakerseries911.html</a>. Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Sue Gilgenbach at 202-418-0639 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, October 20, 2008.

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/realaudio">www.fcc.gov/realaudio</a>. The FCC's web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Susan McLean at (202) 418-7868 or by email: <a href="mailto:susan.mclean@fcc.gov">susan.mclean@fcc.gov</a>.

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